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" (f), (g) & (h) Yes.

" (i) The Textile Control Officer investigated into the matter and found that no offence was committed by Sri Guruswami Chetti.

" (j) There was no delay in the disposal of this matter.

" (k) An enquiry has already been made."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether there have not been cases where licences have been granted to non-licensees who were not dealing in cloth during the basic period? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Perhaps so, Sir, but I would like to have notice."

Extent of land under soya bean cultivation.

38 Q.—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) the extent of land undetr soya bean cultivation in the Province;

(b) what is the nutritive value of the soya bean;

(c) whether it is useful for industrial purposes also;

(d) how the Government propose to encourage the cultivation of the soya bean; and

(e) what kind of manure does it require?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of Hon. the Minister for Agriculture) :—" (a) There is practically no soya bean cultivation in this Province at present.

" (b) Soya bean has a high nutritive value at par with the common pulses, with the additional advantage that soya bean contains 12 to 26 per cent of fat. The percentage of protein ranges from 28 to 54; besides, it contains certain amino-acids which add to the nutritive value of the bean. The importance of soya bean from the nutritive point of view lies in the possibility of the preparation in every home of soya bean milk, the nutritive value of which is 90 per cent of that of pure cow's milk.

" (c) Soya bean oil is used in varnish and paint industry and candle manufacture, etc. The proteins of soya beans form the basis for many plastic industries also. A list [a] of the modern uses of soya bean is placed on the table.

" (d) A systematic experimental investigation of the regional and local adaptations of the varieties of soya bean and immediate encouragement of cultivation of the successful strains in select places are first necessary. This preliminary work will take some years to complete. Some of the world

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varieties have been very recently obtained by the Agricultural Department for trial in selected Government Agricultural Research Stations in the Province. Propaganda is also being done by the department to spread the cultivation of this crop in the districts.

"(e) Soya bean is a legume and thrives in reasonably good loamy and clayey soils where pulses are now grown and where the soil is rich in lime, phosphate and potash. It can also be raised even in poor soils provided there is proper drainage and the soil contains the right type of nodule bacteria."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Government Orders regarding salaries, etc., of teachers.

1 *Q.*—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to place on the table of the House copies of all Government Orders issued since 1945 relating to salaries, allowances, etc., of teachers employed under Government, local bodies and aided managements?

A.—Copies of general orders relating to salaries, allowances, etc., of teachers are placed in the Library of the Madras Legislature. A statement[a] giving details regarding the orders issued in individual cases is laid on the table of the House.

Cultivation of reclaimed area under the Cauvery-Mettur Project.

2 *Q.*—Sri K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to circulate to the members of the House the report, with reference to his answers to question No. 179 in the Council on 5th December 1947?

A.—The report called for has not yet been received. It will be circulated to the members of the House on receipt.

Rent Controller for Madura municipal area.

3 *Q.*—Sri S. B. ADITYAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) the date of appointment of Rent Controller for Madura municipal area;

(*b*) the number of evictions of tenants ordered by the Rent Controller of the said area since the date of appointment (monthwar); and

(*c*) how many of the said evictions (monthwar) were based on non-payment or non-tender of rent alleged to be due from the tenants?

A.—(*a*) The Rent Controller was appointed on 30th June 1945. He assumed charge on 29th July 1945.

(*b*) & (*c*) The information asked for is given in the statement placed on the table of the House.[b]

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[b] Printed as Appendix III on page 516 infra.